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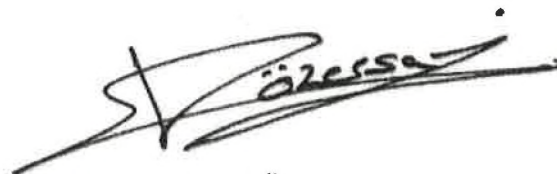
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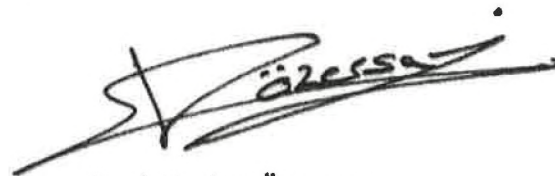
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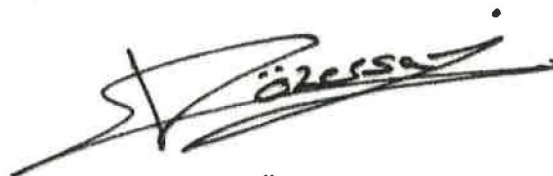
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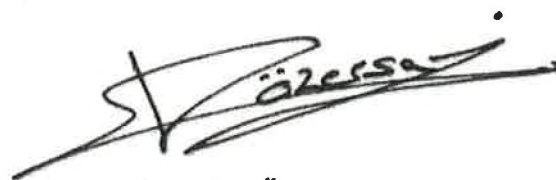
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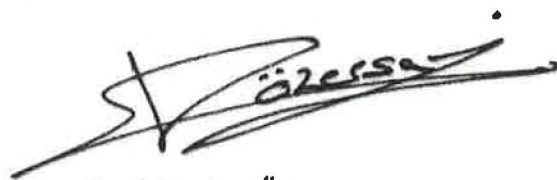
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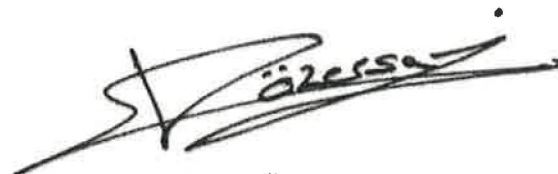
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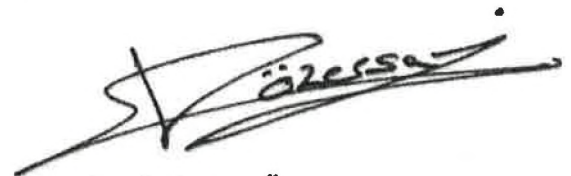
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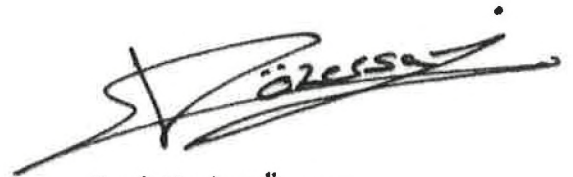
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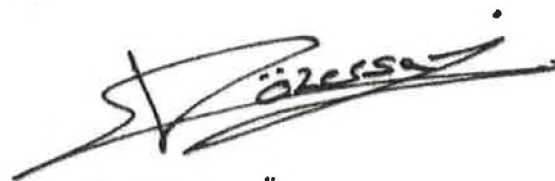
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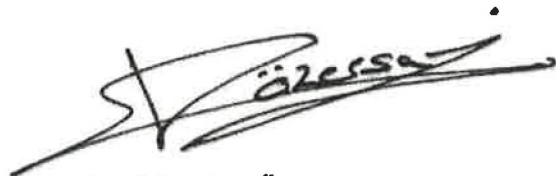
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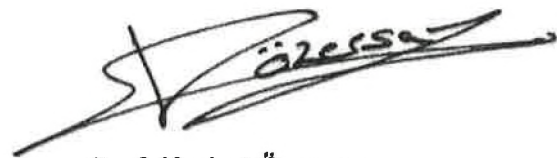
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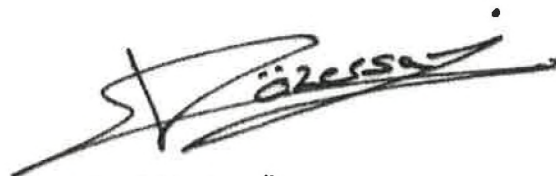
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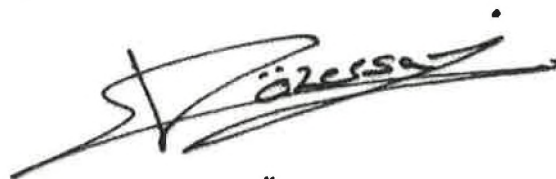
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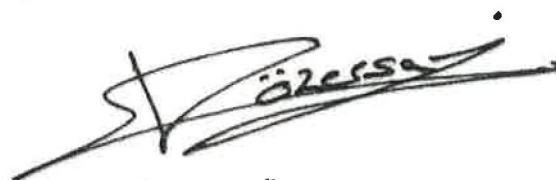
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We believe that a peaceful and prosperous Cyprus, with both sides working together in good faith to resolve their problems, would be a good model in a region where peace is hard to preserve. In line with the aforementioned facts and considerations, it is our hope and expectation that the Honorable Senators will take Turkish Cypriot side's viewpoint in their endeavors in the Congress of the United States of America.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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